(c) whether Government have since received the reply from the Government of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra was requested to reconsider its proposal for establishment of a separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan, Considering the development that has already taken place in the region as brought out in the Human Development Report published by the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra reiterated their proposal for establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan.

(e) Government of Maharashtra has recently been requested to obtain the views of both House of the State Legislature, on the setting up a separate Development Board for Konkan.

Encouraging use of non-conventional and renewable sources

2446. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps for encouraging the use of non-conventional and renewable sources of energy;

(b) if so, the details therof and the achievement made so far and proposed to be made in near future;

(c) whether any initiatives are being made by Government to derive energy by fusion of hydrogen into helium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To encourage investment in non-conventional energy, financial and fiscal incentives are being provided which include accelerated depreciation, relief from taxes and duties. In addition, preferential tariff is given to grid interactive renewable power in most potential state. A higher level of Central financial assistance is being provided to special category States and islands for setting up non-conventional energy project. In addition, publicity and awareness is being created about the

use of non-conventional energy system/ devices through print; postal and electronic media. The aim is to deploy arount 10 per cent of the additional power generating installed capacity from renewables during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan periods, comprising around 5 percentage points from wind (5000 MW), 3 percentage points from bio-power(3000 MW) and 2 percentage points from small hydro power (2000 MW). Renewable power countributes about 6 per cent (6160 MW) to the total power generating installed capacity in the country, as on 31.3.2005. As much as 18 per cent, *i.e.*,2643 MW of the additional power generating installed capcity that has been commissioned during the first 3 years of the Tenth Plan (2002-2005) has come from renewables. Of this, 13 per cent (1967 MW) has come from wind power, around 3 per cent (407 MW) from bio-power and 2 per cent(267 MW) from small-hydro power, which is highly satisfactory.

(c) and (d) Fusion energy is in research stage.

Centrally-Sponsored Schemes of NES

2447. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes under non-conventional energy being implemented in the country, State-wise during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds granted and released by the Government for implementation of the above schemes during this period, State-wise;

(c) whether the released amounts for implementing the above schemes in the various States including NER have been spent during this period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Centrally-Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for non- conventional energy covers biogas, solar photovoltaics, small hydro power (upto 25 MW) and the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP). State-wise details of financial assistance provided under the four Centrally-Sponsored Schemes during the last three years, *i.e.* 2002-03 to 2004-05, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.